Burkina Faso faces considerable corruption risk across its defence institutions, with little to no transparency or controls across finances and procurement. However, its approach to political risk includes legislative scrutiny of defence policy and budgets, intelligence services oversight, and a moderately strong anticorruption policy.

In West Africa, in recent years, state corruption and weak governance have fuelled popular grievances and diminished the effectiveness and legitimacy of national institutions. In the region, a variety of threats are looming on the security horizon. Governments are struggling to respond to spikes in Islamic terrorism and intercommunal violence. There are also enduring issues with corruption and drug trafficking that pose severe threats to national stability as they continue unchecked; weak accountability mechanisms and opacity in defence sectors across the region contribute to these problems. Lack of transparency translates into governments releasing incomplete information on budgets, personnel management systems, policy planning, and acquisitions of military assets. This, often coupled with lack of expertise and resources, undermines civilian oversight. The sector often is characterised by a status of exceptionalism which excludes it from regulations such as procurement or freedom of information legislation. However, most states in the region signed and/or ratified the UNCAC, showing some commitment towards the reduction of corruption risk within their borders.
**COUNTRY SCORECARD: BURKINA FASO**

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**Political Risk**  
- Q5: International Instruments  
  - Grade: B  
  - Score: 75
- Q7: Anticorruption Policy  
  - Grade: C  
  - Score: 63
- Q18: Natural Resources  
  - Grade: C  
  - Score: 55
- Q13: Budget Scrutiny  
  - Grade: C  
  - Score: 50
- Q21: Intelligence Services Oversight  
  - Grade: C  
  - Score: 50
- Q4: CSO Engagement  
  - Grade: C  
  - Score: 50
- Q14: Budget Availability  
  - Grade: D  
  - Score: 42
- Q1: Legislative Scrutiny  
  - Grade: D  
  - Score: 33
- Q11: Acquisition Planning  
  - Grade: E  
  - Score: 25
- Q19: Organised Crime Links  
  - Grade: E  
  - Score: 25
- Q6: Public Debate  
  - Grade: E  
  - Score: 21
- Q2: Defence Committee  
  - Grade: E  
  - Score: 21
- Q8: Anticorruption Institutions  
  - Grade: E  
  - Score: 17
- Q12: Budget Transparency & Detail  
  - Grade: F  
  - Score: 13
- Q17: External Audit  
  - Grade: F  
  - Score: 13
- Q10: Risk Assessments  
  - Grade: F  
  - Score: 0
- Q16: Internal Audit  
  - Grade: F  
  - Score: 0
- Q20: Organised Crime Policing  
  - Grade: F  
  - Score: 0
- Q14: Budget Availability  
  - Grade: E  
  - Score: 21
- Q22: Intelligence Services Recruitment  
  - Grade: F  
  - Score: 0
- Q3: Defence Policy Debate  
  - Grade: F  
  - Score: 0
- Q76: Lobbying  
  - Grade: F  
  - Score: 0
- Q9: Public Trust in Institutions  
  - Grade: NS  
  - Score: 0
- Q23: Export Controls  
  - Grade: NEI  
  - Score: 0

**Procurement Risk**  
- Q33: Unauthorised Private Enterprise  
  - Grade: E  
  - Score: 25
- Q30: Access to Information  
  - Grade: F  
  - Score: 13
- Q77: Defence Spending  
  - Grade: F  
  - Score: 6
- Q24: Asset Disposal Controls  
  - Grade: F  
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- Q25: Asset Disposal Scrutiny  
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- Q26: Secret Spending  
  - Grade: F  
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- Q27: Legislative Access to Information  
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- Q28: Secret Program Auditing  
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- Q29: Off-budget Spending  
  - Grade: F  
  - Score: 0
- Q31: Beneficial Ownership  
  - Grade: F  
  - Score: 0
- Q32: Military-Owned Business Scrutiny  
  - Grade: F  
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**Financial Risk**  
- Q35: Disciplinary Measures for Personnel  
  - Grade: C  
  - Score: 63
- Q45: Chains of Command and Payment  
  - Grade: C  
  - Score: 50
- Q46: Military Code of Conduct  
  - Grade: C  
  - Score: 50
- Q50: Facilitation Payments  
  - Grade: D  
  - Score: 33
- Q42: Objective Promotions  
  - Grade: E  
  - Score: 31
- Q41: Objective Appointments  
  - Grade: E  
  - Score: 17
- Q47: Civilian Code of Conduct  
  - Grade: E  
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  - Grade: F  
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  - Grade: F  
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